

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A motorcycle comprising:

- a frame having a head tube;
- a steering fork having a pair of fork tubes;
- a lower triple clamp and an upper triple clamp rotatably coupled to the head tube and operatively coupled to the pair of fork tubes such that the steering fork rotates relative to the frame;
- a fastener assembly adapted to rotatably couple the head tube to the upper and lower triple clamps;
- one or more riser tubes each having an upper surface and a lower surface, the lower surface of each riser tube operatively coupled to the upper triple clamp and the upper surface of each riser tube operatively coupled to a riser cap, the riser tube and the riser cap coupled together by at least two fasteners visible only from an underside of the riser tube, each riser tube including a base end and an extension end, each base end extending in a first direction, the first direction being at an angle from vertical, the extension end extending in a second direction outward from the base end of each riser tube; and
- a handlebar having a portion thereof located between each riser tube and riser cap.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein each of the fasteners comprises a threaded bolt.

Claim 3 (original): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the upper surface of each riser tube has one or more bores.

Claim 4 (original): The motorcycle of claim 3, wherein a lower surface of the riser cap comprises one or more bosses having inner threading.

Claim 5 (original): The motorcycle of claim 4, wherein each bore is adapted to align with one of the threaded bosses on the lower surface of the riser cap.

Claim 6 (original): The motorcycle of claim 5, wherein each fastener is adapted to extend through one of the bores and to be received by one of the bosses.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the handlebar is free from direct contact with the fasteners.

Claim 8 (original): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the upper end of each of the one or more riser tubes comprises a first recess.

Claim 9 (original): The motorcycle of claim 8, wherein a lower surface of each of the one of more riser caps comprises a second recess.

Claim 10 (original): The motorcycle of claim 9, wherein a cavity sized to accommodate and secure the handlebar is comprised from the combination of the first and second recesses when each of the one or more riser tubes and the one or more riser caps is coupled.

Claim 11 (original): The motorcycle of claim 10, wherein each of the first and second recesses define an equal portion of the cavity.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A handlebar mounting assembly comprising:

one or more riser tubes each having an upper surface, each of the riser tubes having a first recess defined in the upper surface and one or more bores extending through the upper surface, the first recess dimensioned to conform to a first portion of an exterior surface of the handlebar, each riser tube including a base end and an extension end, each base end extending in a first direction, the first direction being at an angle from vertical, the extension end extending in a second direction outward from the base end of each riser tube;

one or more riser caps each having a lower surface and a smooth upper surface, each of the riser caps having a second recess defined in the lower surface and one or more bosses located

in the lower surface, the second recess dimensioned to conform to a second portion of the exterior surface of the handlebar;

at least two fasteners extending through the one or more bores of the one or more riser tubes into the one or more bosses of the one or more riser caps, the fasteners securing the one or more riser caps to the one or more riser tubes and adapted to accommodate and secure an external surface portion of the handlebar between the one or more riser tubes and the one or more riser caps.

Claim 13 (original): The assembly of claim 12, wherein each of the first and second recesses define an equal portion of a cavity that accommodates the handlebar.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method of concealing at least two fasteners adapted to couple an upper surface of a riser tube and a riser cap such that the fasteners are only visible from an underside of the riser tube comprising:

providing a motorcycle;

removing one or more first riser caps from the motorcycle;

removing one or more first riser tubes having been adjoined to the one or more first riser caps from the motorcycle;

providing a second riser tube and a second riser cap, the second riser tube and the second riser cap coupled together by at least two fasteners being only visible from an underside of the second riser tube;

securing the second riser tube to the motorcycle; and

securing the second riser cap to the second riser tube of the motorcycle after securing the second riser tube to the motorcycle.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of securing the handlebar between the second riser tube and the second riser cap.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A motorcycle comprising:

a frame having a head tube;

a steering fork having a pair of fork tubes;

a lower triple clamp and an upper triple clamp rotatably coupled to the head tube and operatively coupled to the pair of fork tubes such that the steering fork rotates relative to the frame;

a fastener assembly adapted to rotatably couple the head tube to the upper and lower triple clamps;

one or more riser tubes each having an upper surface and a lower surface, the lower surface of each riser tube operatively coupled to the upper triple clamp and the upper surface of each riser tube operatively coupled to a riser cap, the riser tube and the riser cap coupled together by at least two ~~one or more~~ fasteners having portions visible only from an underside of the riser tube, the visible portions of the ~~one or more~~ fasteners being recessed within the riser tube, each riser tube including a base end and an extension end, the extension end extending away from the base end of each riser tube, each riser tube providing a clearance area below each riser tube sufficient for removal of the fasteners without contacting the upper triple clamp, the fasteners of each riser tube being aligned along a vertical plane centered within each riser tube, the vertical plane running front to back through each riser tube; and

a handlebar having a portion thereof located between each riser tube and riser cap.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The motorcycle of claim 16, wherein the visible portions of the fasteners are at least partially aligned with the underside of the riser tube.

Claim 18 (new): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein one or more of the first direction and the second direction comprise a rearward direction with respect to the motorcycle.

Claim 19 (new): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the first direction is generally upward.

Claim 20 (new): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the second direction is generally horizontal.

Claim 21 (new): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the fasteners of each riser tube are aligned along a vertical plane centered within each riser tube, the vertical plane running front to back through each riser tube.